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Weekly Views

Officer Hieng Mao from Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility (COLCF) delivered over 70 pounds of aluminum pop can tabs to Mrs. Hughes' classroom at the Mary Daly Elementary School in Elkhart, IN. Children at the school have been collecting pop can tabs throughout the school year, with all proceeds going to the Memorial Children's Hospital of South Bend. Staff and offenders at COLCF have been saving the tabs and were pleased to be able to assist the school with their fund raising efforts. (photo right)

Alternatives Incorporated Residential Services

Manager Amy Bond visited the Pendleton Correctional Facility to accept a donation from offenders enrolled in the Inside Out Dad Program at the facility's level one minimum security housing unit. As part of a community service project, the offenders made ten fleece blankets for the clients served by this outstanding agency located in Anderson. Alternatives Inc. offers a variety of services to victims of domestic violence including emergency shelter, transitional housing, crisis advocacy, information and referral services, and other forms of support to victims.



The GRIP (Growth, Responsibility, Integrity, Purpose) parenting program at Madison Correctional Facility hosted a PREP workshop for offenders and their significant others. The workshop focused on developing and maintaining healthy relationships through communication enhancement. Participants completed personality assessments, role playing activities, and learned how the four safeties, physical, emotional, commitment and community, are vital for successful relationships.



The Indiana University American Juvenile Justice System class went on the road to the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility (WVCF). The WVCF Youth Incarcerated as Adults (YIA) unit day room became the classroom for Robert Bingham's group. Students took part in question/answer sessions with YIA teachers, unit team staff and an offender involved in the program. Many of the IU students plan careers in the juvenile justice field. They said the event showcased youth reentry efforts and ways they can more effectively work with youth in crisis. (photo left)

Pendleton Juvenile conducted Family Fun Night. With the help of Culinary Arts teacher Christy Leavitt, the students prepared and served their families a meal. The meal consisted of a tossed salad, spaghetti with garlic bread and sugar cookies. After eating, students presented their families with a Thank You card and bracelet they made. There

were approximately 30 family members that participated in the event. Everyone seemed to enjoy and have fun.

The Putnamville Correctional Facility held its annual Black History Month program. Coordinated by Chaplain Johanna Amefiakoffi, events included offender recitation, spirituals, African-American history, and "Reel Talk", a movie night followed by discussion.

Miami Correctional Facility promoted two staff to lieutenant. Out of 18 applicants, those selected were Craig Stoll and Jake Kieninger. Lieutenant Stoll began his career with the Department in May 1999 at Plainfield Correctional Facility as a correctional officer and worked at Chain O'Lakes. Stoll has served as the Emergency Squad Leader, a field training manager for the Field Training Officer Program, security camera coordinator and One Call Now administrator. During his time at MCF, he has been a housing sergeant and an assistant shift supervisor on all four custody brackets. Jake Kieninger was hired as a Correctional Officer at MCF in November 2001. He is qualified as a Master Firearms Instructor for the state and worked as a coordinator for out of facility trips. Kieninger was one of the first officers to be trained in the Glock Handgun program, became a Firearms Instructor and has been a housing sergeant for night and day shifts.

The Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility (IREF) is proud to announce that Reentry Coordinator Officer William Phipps is undergoing training to become a Training Officer. Officer Phipps will work under the direction of current IREF Staff Development and Training Instructor and Coordinator Mike Enzinger. In addition to fulfilling the responsibilities as a custody officer, Officer Phipps' new responsibilities will include conducting new employee orientation, and classroom workshops, seminars, and in-service training to increase IREF and contractual staff's knowledge and skills in accordance with the requirements specified by IDOC.

The Correctional Industrial Facility (CIF) is proud to announce Aramark Food Service Director Chris Kosegi received the Food Service Director of the Year award. Aramark held their annual recognition last week to recognize their front line managers from all of IDOC and Division of Mental Health and Addiction facilities. Chris has been at CIF since October 2011 and has always been appreciated for his dedication to the facility his employees and peers.

Grace Community Education Inc. Horticulture Instructor Philip Greenburg gave a presentation on the Aquaponics System at Pendleton during an Advanced Master Gardener Training Program conducted in Alexandria, IN that was attended by 180 people. Aquaponics is the raising of fish and growing plants in the same closed system. The fish produce fertilizer for the plants and the plants clean the water for the fish.